

Proposed Trailer Bill Language Office of Gang Youth Violence Policy

Section 1: Section 13827 of the Penal Code is repealed:

13827. (a) There is within the agency, the Office of Gang and Youth Violence Policy.

~~—(b) (1) The Office of Gang and Youth Violence Policy shall be responsible for identifying and evaluating state, local, and federal gang and youth violence suppression, intervention, and prevention programs and strategies, along with funding for those efforts. The director shall be responsible for monitoring, assessing, and coordinating the state's programs, strategies, and funding that address gang and youth violence in a manner that maximizes the effectiveness and coordination of those programs, strategies, and resources. The secretary shall communicate with local agencies and programs in an effort to promote the best practices for addressing gang and youth violence through suppression, intervention, and prevention.~~

~~—(2) The agency shall develop a comprehensive set of recommendations to define its mission, role, and responsibilities as a statewide entity dedicated to reducing violence and the proliferation of gangs and gang violence in California communities.~~

~~—(3) In developing this set of recommendations, the agency shall collaborate with a wide range of state and local stakeholders, including, but not limited to, community-based organizations serving at-risk populations and neighborhoods, law enforcement, educators, the courts, policy experts and scholars with expertise in the area of criminal street gangs, and local policymakers.~~

~~—(4) The agency, in collaboration with the stakeholders specified in paragraph (3), shall include in its deliberations the most effective role for the office with respect to the following:~~

~~—(A) The collection and analysis of data on gang membership statewide and the effectiveness of various gang prevention efforts.~~

~~—(B) The development of reliable and accurate sources of data to measure the scale and characteristics of California's gang problems.~~

~~—(C) The development of a clearinghouse for research on gangs, at-risk youth, and prevention and intervention programs in order to identify best practices and evidence-based programming, as well as unsuccessful practices, and in order to promote effective strategies for reducing gang involvement and gang violence.~~

~~—(D) Assisting state and local governmental and nongovernmental entities in developing violence and gang prevention strategies, including built-in evaluation components.~~

~~—(E) The development of sustained coordination mechanisms among state, local, and regional entities.~~

~~—(F) The identification of available or needed federal, state, regional, local, and private funding resources.~~

~~—(G) Providing or otherwise promoting public education on effective programs, models, and strategies for the control of violence and serving as a clearinghouse for information on gang violence prevention issues, programs, resources, and research.~~

~~—(H) Providing or otherwise promoting training and technical assistance to help build the capacity of organizations, communities, and local government to develop, implement, and evaluate gang violence prevention programs.~~

~~—(I) Providing information and guidance to state and local governmental and nongovernmental entities on accessing state and federal resources to prevent gang violence.~~

~~—(J) Facilitating greater integration between existing entities with respect to gang prevention efforts.~~

Section 2: Section 13827.1 of the Penal Code is repealed:

~~13827.1. There is within the agency, the following offices:~~

~~—(a) Director of the Office of Gang and Youth Violence Policy. The director shall report directly to the office of the Governor.~~

~~—(b) Chief Deputy Director of Gang and Youth Violence Policy.~~

Section 3: Section 13827.2 of the Penal Code is repealed:

~~13827.2. The Office of Gang and Youth Violence Policy shall establish an Internet Web site, in coordination with the agency, that provides an Internet hyperlink to the various grants administered by the agency and technical assistance on the process for applying for grants.~~